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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: First Comparative Evaluation of U.S. -Soviet  
Capabilities in Selected Weapons Systems

1. The President has now approved an evaluation of air defense radar developments and capabilities as the first to be undertaken under the aegis of the new Comparative Evaluations Group created by the NSC. In general each evaluation is to be completed within three months.

2. The President has also approved the following procedure:

"3 c. The Chairman of the Group should designate one individual to be responsible for each of the studies to be undertaken. (In general, the Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the Intelligence Advisory Committee, should be responsible for (1) collecting and evaluating all available information concerning Soviet capabilities in the particular area selected for study, and (2) designating the foreign intelligence expert or experts most capable in such field. In general, the Director, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, should be responsible for collection of all necessary information concerning U.S. capabilities in the particular area selected for study. Where appropriate, he should call in for consultation other individuals having special competence in the area under study.)"

3. It is my intention to designate the best qualified individuals in the intelligence community, regardless of agency affiliation, to carry out the intelligence portions of the evaluations. For the first study, I propose to designate Lt. General Earl W. Barnes, USAF (Ret.) who has served with WSEG. He would be assisted by a small

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group of senior specialists drawn from the intelligence agencies with primary competence in this field.

4. I suggest that we discuss this subject briefly at the IAC meeting on Tuesday 29 July.

/s/  
ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

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